ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with Nauafalia Church, Oct. 21st and 23d, 1871.

OFFICERS:

L. L. FOX, - - - MODERATOR.
JNO. W. HENSON, - CLERK.

With Minutes of Sabbath School Convention Board.

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MINUTES.

The fifty-first annual session of Bethel Baptist Association, convened with Nauafalia Church, on the 21st and 23d of October, A. D. 1871.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. Jacob Parker, from John viii, 32. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

At 2 o'clock the delegates assembled in the Church House, and were called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. L. T. Daniel.

A cordial invitation was tendered visiting brethren to seats.

Bros. John H. Cline and L. T. Daniel were appointad to read the church letters.

On motion, the regular rule for the election by ballot, was suspended, and Bro. L. L. Fox was elected Moderator, and John W. Henson, clerk, by acclamation.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—Bros. Thos. C. Johnson, Wm. B. Jackson, Jas. W. Armistead, Eli S. Thornton, with Pastor of this church.

On Finance and Auditing—Jno. D. Cowan, J. D. Rogers, and Wm. F. Thornton.

On Documents and Requests—John H. Cline, D. B. Jackson, and W. K. Thomas.

On Nominations—Jas. W. Armistead, C. K. Finney, and C. J. Miles.

On motion of Bro. M. F. Whatley, a committee of five were appointed to prepare a report at this meeting of the body on "Ministerial Education, and the relative duties of Pastors and Churches." Bros. M. F. Whatley, P. E. Kirven, L. T. Daniel, Peter Shamberger, and Wm. Evans, said committee; and on a further motion of Bro. Whatley, Bro. W. Jacob Parker was added, with a request that he act as chairman.

Correspondence from sister associations were called for; whereupon Bros. C. F. Threadgill, Ben. T. Hart, and John W. Jones, messengers from Bigbee Association, bearing a letter, which was received, read, and the right hand of fellowship extended them by the Moderator, in behalf of the Association.

Committee Preaching, reported: For to-morrow, (Sabbath,) Prayer meeting in the morning at 9 o'clock. Eld. L. L. Fox to preach at 11 o'clock A. M., and Eld. H. H. Connella in the afternoon.

After prayer by Bro. D. Byrd, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer meeting led by Eld. Jno. H. Cline. Eleven o'clock, sermon by Eld. L. L. Fox, from Acts xx and 35—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

After the sermon, the following amounts were contributed:

Domestic Missions and Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Association, half to each,	$240 40
Foreign Missions,	5 00

Afternoon sermon by Eld. H. H. Connella, from Luke xv, 2—"This man receiveth sinners."

Sermon at night by Eld. L. T. Daniel, from John xviii, 40.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by Eld. M. F. Whatley.

Roll called and corrected.

The Treasurer submitted the following

REPORT.

P. Davis, in account with Bethel Association, 1870:

October 4. To balance on hand as per report		$ 61 55
" 4. By amount paid on order for minutes.	$ 30 00	
1871:		
By amount paid Rev. C. J. Miles, per order Association,	44 00	
	$74 00	
Amount overpaid by and due J. C Foster		12 55
		$74 00

The deficit in the Treasury of $12.45 advanced by Eld. J. C. Foster, was ordered to be paid, and Report referred to Finance and Auditing Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On State of Religion.—Your Committee on State of Religion would say that, as a Report on Home and Foreign Missions will be submitted to your body, and all the information on the State of Religion within our bounds, can be gathered from your Statistical Table in your minutes, we deem it unnecessary to prepare a separate report, and recommend the discontinuance of said committee.

Adopted.

On Home and Foreign Missions.—This Association professes to be a Missionary organization.

If it has pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those that believe; if they cannot believe on him of whom they have not heard; if they cannot hear without a preacher; if they cannot preach except they be sent: then on whom devolves the responsibility of sending forth the preacher? We believe it to be the duty of the Church as in the case of Barnabas and Saul. To do this requires money. And here seems to be the difficulty, judging by the amount contributed by the churches of this Association, for this purpose, might we not be justly called anti-missionary? or, if we object to this name, the recently coined epithet of O-Missionary would be more applicable. But brethren, these things ought not so to be. Our Eastern shores are being crowded by the false religionists from Europe; our Western by the pagans from Asia, and Africa is at our doors. Every race is represented in our rapidly increasing population, with every *ism* and every species of religious error that ever was invented to damn the souls of men—rapidly speeding—while nothing can counteract these errors, nor save the souls, but the truth as it is in Jesus. And shall they perish for the want of this truth which we have, because of our covetousness? Shall our Domestic Board say to their missionaries: "abandon your work, for we have nothing to support you with." They say they will have it to do, unless the churches come up speedily to their help. And shall we refuse that help? If Israel was charged with robbing God, when they witheld their tithes and offerings, are we not justly chargeable with the same crime? And if their offence provoked the judgments of God, may not our misfortunes be attributed to the same cause? The foreign mission field was never more inviting nor encouraging. Almost the whole world is now open to the free promulgation of the gospel, and the cry is for more men. But how can they go except they be sent? If the gospel field is the whole world, and the commission is still binding, never, until every creature has the offer of salvation, has the church discharged her whole duty. But this Association is doing nothing as a body in this work. Why is this? are we too poor? or, are we doing so much at home that we have no time or means left to notice the "regions beyond?" We think not. Is it because our chuches are not properly instructed? If so, then our ministry are blamable. We would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the ministers of this Association be requessed to present the claims of domestic and foreign missions more frequently to their respective churches, and collect money for the same.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education, and Relation of Pastor and Church.—The ministerial office is a part of the economy of redemption. Paul said, "How then shall they call on Him of whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God—God having ordained the preaching of the gospel as the prime instrumentality in leading sinners to Jesus.

The ministerial office assumes an importance only equaled by the love of God, and the worth of immortal souls. Hence Paul's instruction to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God: a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Study being necessary to qualify the ambassador of Christ for his responsible work; and many of our young men entering upon the duties of preaching the gospel being so situated as to debar them from giving themselves to reading, to meditation and to prayer. We urge upon every member of every church, the duty of giving something of their means to aid in ministerial education, so that our young preachers may be enabled to better understand and teach the word of God. And in order to give shape and efficiency to this proposition, and to the end that immediate aid may be rendered to such as are desirous of entering upon a course of preparation for a higher proficiency in the sacred calling. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That an opportunity be now given to any who may be willing to contribute, by cash or subscription, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Association by the 1st of March, 1872.

Resolved, That every Baptist within our bounds be requested to aid in this important work, by the appropriation of cash as above recommended; and where they have not money, to give the proceeds of two day's labor in their respective vocations—one-half to be given as above by the 1st of March next, and the other half at the next anniversary of this body.

Resolved, That the deacons in every church be requested, with such aid as they may select, to see every member of their respective churches and ascertain what each one will give as above suggested, and report the result of their labor to W. Jacob Parker, at Choctaw Corner, by the 1st of January, 1872

Resolved, That we recommend such brethren as require primary instructions, to avail themselves of the advantages of a school at Rehoboth, taught by Eld. C. F. Sturges, who is prepared to board them and will aid them in the study of the word of God, thereby affording them the advantages of a theological training in connection with literary instructions.

Resolved, That Howard College, our own denominational school, has paramount claims upon the patronage of Alabama Baptists, and we take pleasure in commending it to the young brethren preparing for the ministry; and we are informed that under the mess system, board can be obtained at $8 per month. Brother S. R. Freeman will devote himself specially to training candidates for the ministry, and his qualification for that work is most appreciated by those who know him best.

Resolved, That to those desiring a thorough theological course, we recommend the Southern Theological Seminary, in Greenville, South Carolina.

As to relative duty of pastor and church, we refer to the *very able* essay of Eld. L. L. Fox, published in the minutes of last Association.

Respectfully submitted.

W. JACOB PARKER,
R. E. KIRVEN,
M. F. WHATLEY,
L. T. DANIEL,
P. L. SHAMBERGER,
W. EVANS,
Committee.

Which, on motion was adopted.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Sermon by Eld. J. C. Foster.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion, the ordinary business was suspended for the purpose of raising funds to send young ministers to school during this Associational year.

The following pledges were made for brother Wm. H. DeWitt:

Bro. Jno. W. Jones agrees to pay half of his board and tuition, for this Associational year, and the same yearly until he completes his education at the Howard College. Eld. J. C. Foster agrees to pay the other half, and the same yearly.

FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Eld. W. J. Parker, subscribed	$20 00
Bro. Abram Walker, paid	1 00
Sist. Miss Mary Bush, paid	1 00
Sist. Miss Fannie Bush, paid	1 00
Eld. M. F. Whatley, subscribed	10 00
Bro. P. L. Shamberger, subscribed	10 00
Bro. D. D. Dawson, subscribed	50 00
Eld. C. J. Miles, subscribed	5 00
Eld. L. T. Daniel, for Canaan Church	10 00
Bro. Thos. W. Davis, subscribed	5 00

Regular business resumed.

On motion, a committee consisting of Bros. J. C. Foster, L. T. Daniel and P. E. Kirven, was raised to report on Sabbath-schools at this meeting of the body.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to draft and report at this meeting of the association, suitable preamble and resolutions expressive of the deep feelings of this body over the death of our much beloved and highly esteemed Brother, Eld. L. L. Dewitt, who has been called to his reward, since our last convocation.

The *Committee on Documents and Requests* report, verbally, that they recommend that the next annual meeting of this association be held with Grove Hill Church. And it was further moved that the time of holding the same be changed to Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1872.

Both of which were adopted.

Committee on Nominations, report: Bro. L. T. Daniel to preach the next anniversary sermon; Bro. Jas. G. McCaskey, alternate.

Bro. Wm. Cunningham for Treasurer; Bros. W. Jacob Parker, L. L. Fox, and John H. Cline as delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention; Bro. Fox to prepare the letter.

T. W. ARMISTEAD, *Chairman.*

Concurred in.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this association return correspondence with sister associations that correspond with this body.

The following brethren were appointed as messengers, to-wit:

Bigbee—L. L. Fox, J. C. Foster.

Pine Barren—W. J. Parker, C. J. Miles, L. T. Daniel, J. D. Smith.

Cahawba—L. L. Fox.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the pledges made at last meeting of this body, or so much as may be collected, be turned over to the Sabbath-school Board, inasmuch as the purpose for which said pledges were made, failed.

Adopted.

On motion the following standing committees were appointed:

On Home and Foreign Missions—J. C. Foster, J. H. Cline and C. J. Miles.

On Ministerial Education—L. T. Daniel, M. F. Whatley and J. G. McCaskey.

On Sabbath Schools—W. J. Park, Isaac Grant and J. C. Foster.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee report that there has been a decided increase in interest in the great work of Sabbath-schools, since the last annual meeting of this body. The Sabbath-school Convention, then recommended by the Association, has been organized, and is now in a good working condition. Several Sabbath-schools have been established on the plan then proposed, and is now in successful operation, and we hope to have a book depository established and a working colporture in the field. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That our churches be urgently requested to report in their letters, the condition of their Sabbath-schools, when organized, number of teachers and pupils.

Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

Committee on Finance and Auditing submitted the following as their report:

Received for Minutes	$87 90
" " Home Missions	16 50
" " Ministerial Education	5 50
" by collection on Sabbath by Bro. L. L. Fox, for Domestic Missions	28 95
" for Foreign Missions	5 00
Total	$143 85

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

Mt. Pleasant Church has sent in $3 00 for minutes.

J. D. COWAN, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That this Association adopt Bro. W. H. Dewit as its beneficiary, and that he be requested to spend his vacations laboring with the churches within the bounds of this and Bigbee Association.

Resolution adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Association employ Bro. Fox as their Evangelist, or as much of his time as it can obtain money to pay for; which money to be raised by cash or notes executed and placed in the hands of the Board of Directors of the Sabbath-school Convention, half payable in July next, balance at next meeting of this Association.

For this purpose, the following pledges were made:

W. Jacob Park	$50 00
W. B. Jackson	25 00
D. B. Jackson	25 00
R. Hickson	20 00
C. J. Miles, transfers last year's pledge	5 00
Eli S. Thornton, " " " " (paid)	10 00
Wm. S. Noris, " " " " (paid)	10 00
W. A. Steward	2 00
J. W. Henson	10 00
N. Malone, (paid)	1 00
P. E. Kirven	25 00
G. Little	5 00
M. F. Whatley, (paid)	5 00
J. W. Dial	25 00
R. H. Tucker	5 00
Total	$203 00

On motion, the funds raised for Foreign and Domestic Missions be paid over to Bro. L. L. Fox. That for minutes, be paid to clerk for printing and distribution of the minutes; he to retain $35 00 of the amount for his services

On motion, the thanks of this body was cordially tendered Nanafalia Church, and the citizens generally, for the kindness and hospitality shown us during this meeting of the association with them.

Minutes read and adopted.

Adjourned to meet with Grove Hill Church on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1872.

L. L. FOX, *Moderator.*

JNO. W. HENSON, *Clerk.*

Standing Order of Business.

I. Call the body to order.

II. Hear letters from the churches and make out roll.

III. Election of Moderator and Clerk.

IV. Extend usual invitation to visiting brethren.

V. Call for petitions from churches wishing to unite with us.

VI. Appoint following committees to report during session :

1. To arrange preaching during the meeting.
2. On Finance and Auditing.
3. On Documents and Requests.
4. On Nominations.
5. On Correspondence, and any other subject that may require the labors of Committee during the session.

VII. Call for Correspondence.

VIII. Have the rules of decorum read.

IX. Call and correct the roll.

X. Hear Treasurer's annual report, and refer to Committee on Finance and Auditing.

XI. Call for reports of Committees in the order of their apportionment

XII. Give necessary instructions about appropriating funds.

XIII. Appoint Committees to report at next session, on the following subjects :

1. On State of Religion.
2. On Home and Foreign Missions.
3. On Ministerial Education.
4. On Sabbath-schools.

XIV. Return correspondence with sister associations that correspond with us.

XV. Return thanks of the body.

XVI. Adjourn.

OBITUARY NOTICE OF ELD. L. L. DEWITT.

Your Committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing a brief sketch of the life and labors of our lamented brother, Elder L. L. Dewitt, fear that they will not be able to do that justice to his memory, that were the brief time and space alloted to them might seem to demand.

We have no facts relative to the time and place of his birth, or early history, being acquainted only with his ministerial life. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry about twenty-six years ago, at Friendship Church, Marengo County, of which he was then a member—being for two years previous a zealous exhorter.

His early opportunities for acquiring knowledge was very limited—not being able to read intelligibly when he commenced preaching. But possessing an ardent temperament, a warm an affectionate heart, and of untiring energy, he entered with all the earnestness of such a nature. Sanctified by the Grace of God, upon his ministerial course, and soon became extensively useful throughout the Southern part of this Association, where, perhaps, his memory is more deeply embalmed in the hearts of Baptists, than any minister who has ever labored in the same region of country.

He has served a great many of our churches; some of them for a series of years, and a great many additions have been made to their number through his instrumentality. He has also performed much missionary labor in the service of the Executive Board of this Association, and has been instrumental in constituting many of the churches which now compose this body.

May it not be said of him most truthfully, that in "*labors he was more abundant?*" And though possessing an extraordinary constitution, he no doubt became, through his excessive labors, a victim to premature old age and infirmity.

His zeal at times seemed to exceed the bounds of prudence; and his almost unbounded charity for the faults of humanity, and especially for those of his brethren, may have betrayed him into indiscretions, (for who is faultless?) but who will question the purity of his motives? Who of us loved the cause of Jesus more? Who of us sacrificed more for that cause? Who of us won more souls than he? The writer of this once heard him say, while trembling beneath the weight of increasing infirmaties, "My brother, I desire not to outlive the day of my usefulness." His prayer was answered. He fell at his post while conducting a meeting of interest at Satilpha Church, on the third Sabbath in September last; he was taken sick, was carried home, and died the following Thursday, 21st September, and is now enjoying the blessedness of those who die in the Lord. He is at rest from his labors, and his works will follow him. Upon whom has his mantle fallen? We humbly hope upon another.

May his death be so sanctified to this Association, as that a deeper and more wide-spread interest may be awakened among the churches for an increase of *such laborers* as shall be qualified to occupy the Fields now ripening to Harvest.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter.	Deceased.	MEMBERSHIP. White.	MEMBERSHIP. Colored.	MEMBERSHIP. Total.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Domestic Missions.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Foreign Missions.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Minutes.	Ministers Ord.	Ministers Lic'd.	Church Meetings	Donations.
FIRST DISTRICT.	Uconush	W. J. Parker	Coffeeville	Eli S. Thornton, W. F. Thornton, Jno. W. Henson	6	2	2	1	12	5	114	62	176	$22 00		$4 00	...	2	2	
	Bladon Springs	J. G. McCaskey	Bladon Springs	Not represented										9 25	$5 60	2 00	...	...	4	
	River Hill			Not represented													...	...		
	New Prospect	Wm. Campbell	Coffeeville	Jno. Dungan, E. G. White	21	9	1	1	2	1			75			2 20	...	...	3	
	Hopewell	J. M. Day	Coffeeville	Letter, but no Delegates		2	...	2	2	3			27			1 30	1	...	1	
	Stave Creek	J. D. Fenser	Jackson	R. J. W. Dewit, J. A. Balen, M. F. Whatley		3	...	1	1	...			81			2 00	1	...	1	
	Magnolia	M. F. Whatley	Jackson	M. F. Whatley						2			11			75	...	...	4	
	Grove Hill	W. J. Parker	Grove Hill	D. D. Dawson, J. C. Foster										9 00			...	...		
	Mt. Gilead			Not represented													...	...		
	Amity			Not represented												2 00	...	...		
	Horeb	R. M. Thomas	Grove Hill	B. Hickson			1	5	3		46	7	53			2 50	...	...	2&4	
	Salem	L. L. Dewitt	Grove Hill	J. B. Hicks, Jos. F. Bradford, J. L. Laremore	5	1	2	1	2		79	6	85			4 00	...	...	2	
	Pleasant Grove	W. W. Whatley	Coffeeville	Not represented												1 70	...	...	3	
	Bassett's Creek	L. L. Dewitt	Grove Hill	W. H. Dewitt, R. T. Wilson	6	9	...	4	7	...			95			5 00	1	1	4	
	Independence		Lower Peach Tree	Not represented													...	...		
	Satilpha	L. L. Dewitt	Wood's Bluff	Jas. Huggins, R. H. Tucker, G. W. Davis	4	8	...	2		2	80	4	84			3 00	...	...	3	
	Mt. Sinai			Not represented													...	...		
SECOND DISTRICT.	Forest Springs	P. E. Kirven	Wood's Bluff	J. D. Cowan, J. W. Armistead, A. R. Christian	2	1	1	3	4	3	108	14	122			5 00	...	...	1	
	Liberty	P. E. Kirven	Wood's Bluff	P. E. Kirven, C. J. Miles, Robt. Hasty	1	6	...	2	13	...			93			5 00	...	...	4	
	Elam	P. E. Kirven	Choctaw Corner	M. M. Tucker, Abram Walker. No letter													...	...		
	New Hope	W. J. Parker	Choctaw Corner	D. Byrd, W. J. Parker	10	4	...	3	16	3			256	8 95		5 00	...	...	2	
	Shiloh	W. H. Tucker	Shiloh	G. J. Newman, F. M. Norris, D. B. Tucker	6	6	2	3	10	4	87	50	137			2 05	...	...	2	
	Friendship	H. Adams	Clay Hill	C. K. Finney	92	...	..	2	3	...	49	235	284			3 15	...	...	1	
	Enon	H. Adams	Pine Hill	W. Evans		2	...	7		...			66			3 00	...	...	4	
	Pisgah	J. C. Foster	Pine Hill	P. L. Shamberger	12	7	...	1	1	1						4 00	...	...	3	
	Canaan	L. T. Daniel	Clifton	L. T. Daniel, Thos. A. Pearson	4	...	...	1	2	1			31			3 00	...	...	1	
	Goose Creek			Not represented													...	...		
	Nauafalia	P. E. Kirven	Nauafalia	W. B. Jackson, J. L. Digman, T. C. Johnson	5	3	...	2	3	1	52	5	57			4 00	...	...	3	*$5 00
	Union	W. H. Tucker	Half Acre	N. Bates, J. D. Rogers, J. D. Smith		2	...	1	11	1			34			1 60	...	...	1	
	County Line	J. C. Foster	Choctaw Corner	Wiley Davis, T. W. Davis, W. M. Vaughan	41	2	...	6	5	...	40	61	101			2 50	...	...	4	† 2 50
THIRD DISTRICT.	Aimwell	W. H. Tucker	Half Acre	S. S. Ethridge, N. Worthington, R. Maton	1	4	...	5	4	1			124			2 65	...	...	4	
	Hills	Jno. H. Cline	Linden	D. B. Jackson, J. H. Johnson, Clay Thomas	10	4	...	...	5	1	24	36	60			2 00	...	...	2	
	Linden	L. L. Fox	Linden	Not represented									20			2 50	...	...	4	
	Antioch			Not represented													...	...		
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	Bethel	L. L. Fox	McKinley	R. S. Jones, L. L. Fox	2	2	...	...	3	...			24			5 00	...	...		
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[Church Clerks will notice how imperfect the Statistical Table is. This is owing to church letters not giving full statistics. Please give them in full.—Clerk.]

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sabbath-school Convention met at the Nauafalia Church, in Marengo county, Ala., on Friday, before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1871.

The following churches and schools were represented:

Bethel Church, L. L. Fox,	School, R. S. Jones,
Elim Church,	School, M. M. Tucker,
Nauafalia Church, J. W. Dial.	School, J. W. Christian,
Bassett's Creek Church,	School, W. Leflore,
Liberty Church, R. Hasty,	School, C. J. Miles,
Forest Spring Church, G. L. Herrin,	School, W. Cunningham,
Hill's Church, J. H. Cline,	
Bethlehem Church, G. W. Barkley,	School, J. L. Barkley,
Satilpha Church, G. W. Davis,	School, R. H. Tucker,
New Hope,	School, D. Byrd,
Horeb Church, R. Hickson,	School, H. Creighton.

1st. The Convention proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. W. Jacob Parker was elected President; L. L. Fox, Vice President; W. Cunningham, Secretary.

2d. A committee of three was appointed to nominate a board of directors, appoint a treasurer, and the place for our next meeting. C. J. Miles, J. H. Cline, and D. Byrd, committee.

3d. A committee to report, during the progress of this meeting, the progress of sabbath-schools in this Association: P. E. Kirven, L. L. Fox, C. J. Miles, and J. H, Cline, committee.

4th. Bro. J. H. Cline was received as a delegate (or agent) from the colored school at the Hills, organized in accordance with this body.

5th. A committee on finance was appointed: G. L. Herrin, G. W. Davis, and J. W. Barkley, committee.

Adjourned, to meet at early candle light Saturday night.

W. JACOB PARKER, President.

W. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary.

The Convention met Saturday night.

1st. The committee appointed the following board of managers for the ensuing year: W. J. Parker, P. E. Kirven, C. J. Miles, W. H. Thomas, D. Dawson; W. J. Parker, treasurer.

2d. The Board of Managers submit the following

REPORT.

They held a meeting at Grove Hill in July, and agreed to continue the same as before. They appropriated six dollars for the benefit of the Sabbath-school at Oak Grove. Our Missionary has performed 33 days work in preaching, lecturing, and collecting funds; obtaining life and annual members for the Convention. Our success in this direction has been very limited, owing to the scarcity of money. They have not been able to establish a depository for the want of means; but feel encouraged from the expressions of the brethren in favor of the enterprise. We need working men and means; with these we feel assured of success; in view of this, we recommend the following:

Resolved, That we appoint an agent in each church to procure life and annual members; also, pledges redeemable the 1st of January next, to be handed to the Treasurer or any member of the Board.

All of which is submitted.

J. C. FOSTER, Chairman.

Adjourned, to meet sabbath evening after service.

W. JACOB PARKER, President.

W. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary.

SABBATH EVENING.

1st. Each church is requested to appoint an agent to raise funds for the Convention during the Associational year, and pay over all they can by the 1st of January, 1872.

2d. That the committee appointed to report on the progress of schools be discharged, and their duties turned over to the committee appointed by the Association to make a similar report.

3d. Each church and school in this Association will be allowed three delegates.

4th. There will be an annual convocation at Choctaw Corner Friday before the 5th Sabbath in June next. All the schools in this Association are invited to attend the same.

5th. The proceedings of this Convention be published with the minutes of the Association, the Convention paying its pro rata share for the same.

6th. Brother L. L. Fox is invited to address the Convention at Choctaw Corner at the annual convocation.

7th. The Finance Committee are requested to make their report to the Directors so that they may complete their report and hand it to the Secretary.

Adjourned to meet at Elim church the 5th Sabbath in December, 1871.

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